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SUBJECT:TALKING POINTS FOR SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH
HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA

REF: BUDAPEST 0010

1. THIS CABLE TRANSMITS ADDITIONAL TAKING POINTS ON THE
SUBJECT OF MFN FOR THE SECRETARY'S USE DURING HIS MEETING
WITH HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA ON JANUARY 7. PLEASE
ADD THEM TO THE SECRETARY'S BRIEFING MEMORANDUM, STARTING
AT BOTTOM OF PAGE FIVE.

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2. THE TALKING POINTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: (IF THE HUNGARIANS
HAVE ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR THE ASSURANCES)
-- I AM VERY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE AGREED ON LANGUAGE THAT
MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT AND
THAT REFLECTS THE COMMITMENT OF EACH OF OUR COUNTRIES TO
THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF

HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT.

-- I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE ASSURANCES BE INCORPORATED IN AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN YOU AND AMBASSADOR KAISER. THE LETTERS COULD BE EXCHANGED AND

MADE PUBLIC WHEN WE APPROACH THE TIME FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A FULLY NEGOTIATED TRADE AGREEMENT TO THE CONGRESS. WE WOULD ALSO ANTICIPATE INFORMING KEY CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE ASSURANCES IN ADVANCE OF THAT TIME.

-- WE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF A TRADE AGREEMENT. WE WILL PRESENT TO YOU OUR PROPOSED DRAFT OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT WITHIN A FEW DAYS. I PROPOSE THAT NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN AT AN EARLY DATE.

(IF THE HUNGARIANS SAY THAT THEY CANNOT ACCEPT OUR LANGUAGE BUT WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THE ASSURANCES)

-- I AM PLEASED THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT AND THAT REFLECTS THE COMMITMENT OF EACH OF OUR COUNTRIES TO THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT.
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-- AMBASSADOR KAISER IS READY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE LANGUAGE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

(IF THE HUNGARIANS SAY THAT THEY CANNOT GIVE US ASSURANCES AT THIS TIME)

-- I REGRET THAT WE CANNOT PROCEED WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF A TRADE AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME. I HOPE THAT OUR RELATIONS, INCLUDING OUR TRADE RELATIONS, WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF MFN.

3. HUNGARIAN MFA OFFICIALS TOLD AMBASSADOR KAISER ON JANUARY 5 THAT THEY HOPE THAT BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA AND PRIME MINISTER NAGY WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO THE SECRETARY CONCERNING THE ASSURANCES. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY RESPONDED POSITIVELY ON JANUARY 2 TO OUR PROPOSED REVISION OF THE ASSURANCE LANGUAGE, BUT NOTED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO SAY OFFICIALLY AT THAT TIME THAT OUR LANGUAGE WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT.
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